

OUTLAW



INSPIRING TALES 1



MIND

I HAVE A BOMB IN MY BRIEFCASE. I WILL USE IT IF NECESSARY. I WANT YOU TO SIT NEXT TO ME. YOU ARE BEING HIJACKED.

Schaffner quickly sat down and Cooper opened his briefcase to show her eight red cylinders and a battery. He told her he wanted \$200,000 in “negotiable American currency,” four parachutes and a fuel truck standing by in Seattle to refuel the plane. The hostess told the pilot who radioed ahead and announced to the other passengers that the flight would be delayed due to technical difficulties.

The head of Northwest approved paying the money and the FBI ran around like headless chickens photocopying 10,000 20\$ bills. They sourced the parachutes from a skydiving school. Meanwhile, Cooper ordered a second bourbon and soda, paying for it and insisting the hostess keep the change. Another hostess, Tina Mucklow, commented that “he wasn’t nervous. He seemed rather nice. He was never cruel or nasty. He was thoughtful and calm all the time.” He identified Tacoma as they flew over it and correctly observed that Seattle Airport was a twenty minute drive from the McChord Airforce Base.

The plane then landed at Seattle and when the money (and parachutes) had been delivered, Cooper allowed all the passengers and some of the staff off the plane. Four crew remained, including the pilot. Cooper specified that the plane was to fly for Mexico City at a slow speed (120 miles/hour) at maximum height (10,000 feet), with the cabin unpressurised, the wing flaps at 15 degrees and the landing gear down. The crew agreed on the requirements, having added a necessary refuelling stop in Nevada. Last, Cooper requested that the rear exit door should be

Selected notes

Independent - US hijacker caught after 40 years
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-hijacker-caught-after-40-years-2362379.html>

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<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/sep/28/black-panther-arrested-portugal-hijack>

Guardian - Fugitive hijacker George Wright ‘socialised with US envoy in Africa’
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/sep/30/george-wright-socialised-us-envoy-africa>

News Burner - Black Panther Fugitive Hijacker Captured in Portugal
<http://www.thenewsburner.com/2011/09/28/black-panther-fugitive-hijacker-captured-in-portugal/>

Postscript

As an interesting last point in the light of the first article in this mighty tome, somebody comments on a website called the news burner that:

It should be obvious why nobody has ever heard of this 1972 event, “one of the most brazen US hijackings ever.” It would not make good television according to the rules of the game, that’s why. And it appears that every time some one individual with anti-establishment politics beats the system, any loud mention of them is forbidden thereafter. The white fellow who stole the money, and parachuted out of the plane and was never seen again, D.B. Cooper, is an exception, because he meant nothing, in a political sense.

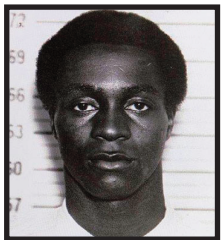
d.b.cooper



“D.B.Cooper”



Colton Harris-Moore



George Wright

In 1971, a man hijacked a plane in the USA and escaped with \$200,000. He has never been caught and it is the only unsolved hijacking over North American territory. The FBI have investigated over a thousand leads, all of which have fizzled out. The case is still open, more than forty years later. Nothing is known for sure about this person, not even his name. Read on for the true tale of the one that got away. But beware, you might just get caught up in ... the **curse of Cooper!**

On November 24, 1971, a man bought a ticket at Portland International Airport for Seattle, Washington. Witnesses all agree that he was between 5 feet 10 and 6 feet tall, weighed between 77 and 82 kg, was in his mid-forties, with brown eyes. He was carrying a briefcase and wore aviator shades. The name he gave to buy the ticket was Dan Cooper.

The man, who we shall call Cooper, boarded the Northwest Airlines plane and sat towards the back. He lit a cigarette and drank a bourbon and soda. When the plane (which was a third full) had taken off, he gave a folded piece of paper to the air hostess, Florence Schaffner.

He was so calm about giving it to her that the stewardess initially pocketed the note, thinking it was just his phone number and that he was asking her out, but then Cooper suggested she should read it.

We do not have the note since he later took it back, but apparently it said something along the lines of:

A BULLETIN FROM THE F.B.I.

Following is an artist's conception of the hijacker who extorted \$200,000 from Northwest Airlines on November 24, 1971.

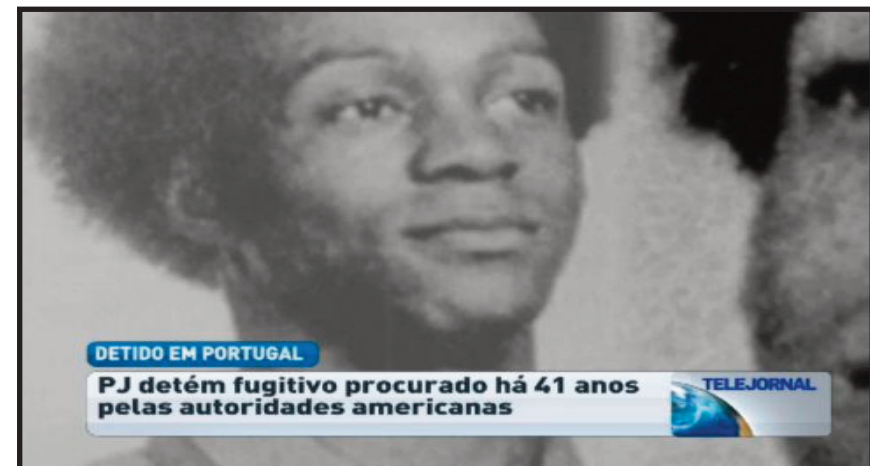



THIS MAN IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Mid 40's
Height	5' 10" to 6'
Weight	170 to 180 pounds
Build	Average to well built
Complexion	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth
Hair	Dark brown or black, normal style, parted on left, combed back; sideburns, low ear level
Eyes	Possibly brown. During latter part of flight put on dark, wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims
Voice	Low, spoke intelligently; no particular accent, possibly from Midwest section of U.S.
Characteristics	Heavy smoker of Raleigh filter tip cigarettes
Wearing Apparel	Black suit; white shirt; narrow black tie; black dress suit; black rain-type overcoat or dark top coat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried paper bag 4" x 12" x 14"; brown shoes.

If you have any information which might lead to the identity of this individual, please contact the nearest FBI Office which would be found in the front of your telephone directory.

Whilst there is a certain sense that justice must be upheld, the context must always be taken into consideration and in this case, the need to extradite an old man to serve the rest of his prison sentence would seem to damage more lives unnecessarily rather than righting any misdeed. The daughter of the murdered man from 1962 did say "I'm so thankful that now there's justice for daddy. He never got any kind of justice," but surely she was forgetting that Wright had served seven years and the actual murderer, McPhee, served his full sentence for the murder.



Gary M. Lanigan, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Corrections, said "Inmate George Wright was convicted of killing Walter Patterson, a gas station owner, 48 years ago. The crime left two young girls without a father. Despite the passage of time, justice has been served, and George Wright will pay for his crime. I commend members of the U.S. Marshals Service and our Special Investigations Division's Fugitive Unit, as well as the F.B.I. and the many other law enforcement bodies in the United States and Europe, for their untiring efforts in following leads over the years and locating this fugitive."

Yet the story does not end just yet. Much as it pains me to piss all over Lanigan's parade and to disappoint assorted right-wing wingnuts, I have to point out that Portugal actually refused the extradition request!!

In the words, of his lawyer, Manuel Luis Ferreira, "The Lisbon appeals court ruled that he had Portuguese citizenship and will not be extradited." Ferreira also suggested under the statute of limitations there was no case.

In any case, Wright remains with his family in Portugal.

And that's why this story is recorded here as an inspiring tale.

You can get away with it.

open and the staircase down. The Northwest representatives objected on the grounds that it might affect the takeoff, and Cooper said he would just do it in flight anyway.

And then they were off. Unbeknownst to Cooper, two F-106 fighter plans followed the 727 airplane, as it made its way south. After take-off he asked the crew to stay together in the cabin. In what became the last time Cooper was seen by anyone, Mucklow recalls that he was tying something to his waist. It appears he took the bag from one of the parachutes, filled it with the money and tied it to himself.

About twenty minutes after takeoff, a warning light indicated that the rear exit door had been opened. When the pilot asked by intercom if Cooper needed assistance, the response was a simple "No." After approximately thirteen more minutes, the tail section of the plane gave an upwards movement. And that was it. Cooper had leapt into the air above Washington State.

An armed search when the plane landed in Nevada confirmed that the man who had boarded as Dan Cooper had disappeared.

A huge search immediately began, with the FBI scouring the plane for details. Cooper had left behind eight cigarette butts, his tie and two of the parachutes (one missed some shroud lines, presumably what Cooper used to tie the money to his person). There were 66 latent finger prints, although not all of these are likely to be Cooper's. Certainly he was aware of the dangers - one report comments that "at one time [Mucklow] lit a cigarette for him with the last match

ransom cash beside the Columbia River in 1980. They were badly deteriorated but could be identified as coming from the heist. They were still packaged with the original bands, but one packet had 10 bills removed from the original total of 100. What did this mean? The experts bickered. It seemed that the bills had been brought to the river by water rather than being dropped, although other options were considered. The Lewis River region could then be discounted since the river joins the Columbia downstream of the site. Attention was then diverted to the Washougal River basin, where countless searches have been made both by authorities and private individuals bitten by the urge to discover what happened.



Instead, the four stood trial in France, receiving sentences of five years each. In the USA, they would have got at least 20, which only serves to back up their group statement that “we would be condemned to spend the rest of our days in infernal prisons” if they had been extradited.

Back to Wright. He remained on FBI Most Wanted lists and in 2002, a new task force was formed to track down fugitives from New York and New Jersey. It was only in 2011 that the Feds finally caught up with him, more by luck than hard work. His fingerprint turned up on a sweep of the national ID register in Portugal and he was arrested at Almocageme on September 26.

By all accounts, he was living an idyllic existence, near the beach, with a wife and two kids (in their twenties already). He was named Jose Luis Jorge dos Santos but known locally as George, by people who assumed he was of African descent. He had various jobs and taught local kids basketball.

A worker at a local petrol station said “He was a very nice guy, he used to wave as he drove past and I’d shout out, ‘Hey, George!’”

It seems that Wright made his way from Algeria to Guinea Bissau, where he lived long enough to receive citizenship. Amusingly, in the 1980s the US ambassador and Wright were on first name terms! The envoy, John Blacken, even got ol’ George to work on translations for the embassy. When questioned by the Guardian, Blacken said “All this was a big surprise, my goodness, murder and everything else. No one imagined him being a murderer. Of course we didn’t know him that well. He seemed like an ordinary person and not radical at all.”

He ineptly covered his arse by stating that “If we had received such a cable, we would have responded. He was known as George Wright here, and it’s strange that [US officials] never tracked him down here.”

Bidding his fond farewells to his ambassador buddy, at a certain point in the 1980s or 1990s, Wright left for Portugal, where he was able to gain citizenship by virtue of his Guinean passport.

And then the Feds turned up.



in the empty card folder. When she attempted to discard the empty card folder, the hijacker decisively took it from her and placed it into one of his pockets, stating he did not want her to throw it away.”

Every single lead the FBI investigated went nowhere.

The fighter plane pilots had seen nothing. The weather that night had been rainy. Had Cooper survived the jump? A massive manhunt was begun in the remote wooded areas of Washington state (where later the Barefoot Bandit would roam). Searches of this mountainous region by foot and air turned up nothing at all relevant to the case, although the skeleton of a murdered teenager was found in a cave.

A repeat flight was made with the same pilot, and a 100kg sled was pushed out of the plane, appearing to recreate the upward movement of the tail section. Therefore 8.13 was agreed to be the time Cooper had jumped. Analysts suggested he had landed near the Lewis River basin in southeastern Washington. However, later estimations with adjustments for windspeed etc have put the landing spot as nearer to the Washougal Valley.

Some speculated that Cooper had landed in a river and drowned. Others thought he had survived. Still no evidence turned up. None of the cash was spent.

Seven years later, a deer hunter found a sign on a track near Castle Rock with instructions for lowering the rear entrance on a 727 - this was confirmed to be from the hijacked plane. Then an eight year old boy found three packets of the

The tie which Cooper left behind suggests that he was left-handed, since the tie clip is attached from the left. DNA profiling has provided a partial sample, but of course this may not be from Cooper at all. It's never been matched to any suspect. He might have bought in a thrift store the day before!! Recent analysis has found particles of pure titanium on the tie, which techies see as indicating the owner of the tie worked in a metal or chemical manufacturing plant and Lycodium spores, probably from a pharmaceutical product.

Amazingly, the eight Raleigh filter-tipped cigarette butts left behind by Cooper have disappeared. Writing in 2011, Geoffrey Gray (who has written a book on this topic) considers the possibility they were simply thrown away, deemed useless in an age before DNA testing. It's just another mystery to add to all the others, since perhaps Cooper only smoked to confuse the investigation. Raleigh were a cheap brand which could be bought by coupon and Gray discovered that the FBI had gone to the coupon-redemption center - "Here agents learned that 6 million came in every day [...] Incredibly, agents were able to locate a Dan Cooper in Seminole, Fla., who worked as a gas station attendant, and a Daniel Cooper in Cincinnati. Both leads and other Dan Coopers have turned out to be duds."

The police obviously needed results fast and started off in their endearingly incompetent way by busting anyone of the name Cooper. One poor sod with a criminal record was an Oregon man by the name of D.B. Cooper. He was contacted and quickly eliminated from enquiries, but not before a cack-handed journalist had mistakenly identified him as the hijacker, so now the mysterious folk hero is known universally as D.B. Cooper.

Wright was impersonating a priest, the Rev. Larry Darnell Burgess, and hid a gun in a hollowed out bible. The pilot of the plane reported that "they said they were revolutionaries, that America is a decadent society and they didn't want to live here anymore" and it was claimed that they smoked marijuana constantly during the flight. The Huffington Post calls it "one of the most brazen hijackings in U.S. history."

At Miami, the 86 passengers were released after FBI agents dressed only in swimming trunks delivered the \$1 million ransom. The plane then flew to Boston, where it took on fuel and also an international pilot, whereupon it flew to Algeria.



In Algeria, things didn't go quite to plan. Despite the support of Eldridge Cleaver, who had an office in Algiers as Head of the International Section of the Black Panthers, the Algerian state arrested the hijackers and confiscated their money. Wright and the others were quickly released and claimed asylum, but the money (plus the plane) was returned to the USA.



Wright then disappeared, with only the occasional rumour of his whereabouts. But his story continues after we explore what happened to his associates. Unfortunately for them, the four (not sure what happened to the kids) were arrested by French police in 1976 in Paris, for possession of false passports. They were clocked by the FBI and the USA requested extradition, which was not granted.

In 2007, the FBI disclosed some extra information on the case and asked on its website "Who was Cooper? Did he survive the jump? And what happened to the loot, only a small part of which has ever surfaced?" The Feds go on to say: "It's a mystery, frankly. We've run down thousands of leads and considered all sorts of scenarios. And amateur sleuths have put forward plenty of their own theories. Yet the case remains unsolved".

The additional evidence, which had been used to test the stories of some of the cranks who claimed to be Cooper, was that of the two parachutes taken by Cooper; one was actually a dummy one, used as a demonstration model. It was marked as such and this therefore suggests that Cooper was not an experienced skydiver. The FBI claims this was an honest mistake on their part to supply a dummy. The jury's still out on that one. Having started off thinking that Cooper was a skydiver or a soldier with parachuting experience, the FBI was forced to reconsider. Special Agent Carr, the pig now in charge of the investigation (Operation Lost Cause, surely?) comments that "No experienced parachutist would have jumped in the pitch-black night, in the rain, with a 200-mile-an-hour wind in his face, wearing loafers and a trench coat. It was simply too risky". He continues the official line, which is that Cooper did not survive the jump - "Diving into the wilderness without a plan, without the right equipment, in such terrible conditions, he probably never even got his chute open." The question then remains, where is the body? And of course, who was Cooper? Perhaps he was a Northwest Airlines employee with a grievance, or someone who had worked as an engineer or mechanic in the Air Force. He knew planes and he knew where the military airbase was near to Seattle. Or are these just red herrings?

escape from prison and was killed in a shoot-out with the FBI. The Fed who murdered him claims "When I shot Richard McCoy, I shot D. B. Cooper at the same time." We can never know for sure, but McCoy was quite a lot younger than Cooper and was a recreational skydiver who therefore wouldn't have taken a dummy parachute. What's also worth noting is that McCoy jumped at a similar altitude and speed to Cooper - and survived.

Barbara Dayton was born male as Bobby and underwent gender reassignment therapy in 1969. She claimed in 1971 to have been Cooper, but later dropped the story, apparently when she realised she could be charged for the crime. She was just one of many people who seem to have been keen to pretend to be Cooper.

Duane Webber claimed on his deathbed to be Cooper, but aside from the fact that he drank bourbon and smoked, there isn't much evidence to connect him directly with the hijack. His partner claims to remember Webber having a nightmare in which he raved about fingerprints on the aft stairs of a plane, but his fingerprints didn't match any that the FBI hold (although there is still the possibility that Cooper's fingerprints were not retrieved).

Kenny Christiansen bought a house for \$200,000 in cash shortly after the hijack (not sure why the bills wouldn't have been traced on that). Some say he resembled Cooper (maybe with a wig, see picture next page) although he was older and shorter. He had been a paratrooper and worked for Northwest Airlines, but the FBI have discounted him as a suspect.

POSTSCRIPT

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA I Love this kid hes the best think about it all u jerks saying hes so stupid etc..... hes so very very smart u try n do for 1 day what he passed out u never make it . i just love it he made the cops look like morons with there heads up there a\$\$e\$ LMFAO and- dddddd made swat look like a cartoon lol too funny 2 years he smoked them and if he didnt crash that boat into a sand hill he would of been going another year or 2 ... they didnt catch him because they couldnt the only reason hes in jail is cause he crashed that boat so all u cops n swat wanna bes taking credit for getting him try again he crashed a boat then u got him..... thats like say i captured a ufo im a hero " after the ufo crashed landed " kid very brave n very smart bare foot keep up the good work....after 7 years maybe we see alot better stunts lol :)~

robsnutforcandy commenting on a news story about the barefoot bandit

george wright

The story of George Wright reads more like fiction than fact and spans more than fifty years. It takes in three continents, one stupid ambassador and various views on what justice should be. And despite all the odds, it's ultimately a story about getting away with it.

In 1962, George Wright was arrested with three other people in connection with a spree of armed robberies which had resulted in one death, that of Walter Patterson, a 42 year old World War II veteran. Wright had been armed during the events, but the police determined that his accomplice Walter McGhee had fired two shots, one of which had killed Patterson. McGhee was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison (he was later paroled in 1977). For some reason, Wright was also charged with murder, presumably on the grounds of his skin colour. I'm not sure if the other two people were also charged.

Wright pled not guilty, but changed his plea to no defence to avoid the risk of the death penalty. He was convicted (on what appears to be rather shaky terms) and imprisoned for 15 to 30 years in New Jersey.

However, seven years into his sentence, Wright escaped with three other inmates, including a certain George Brown. They apparently managed to walk out unnoticed and stole the prison warden's car, driving it to Detroit. This was in 1970, and in 1972, Wright, Brown and three other adults (with three kids) hijacked a Delta Airlines flight from Detroit to Miami. They did this in the name of the Black Liberation Army.



It actually appears much more likely that Dan Cooper was a cheeky pseudonym, referencing the Dan Cooper comic books, a Franco-Belgian series about a Canadian flying ace who, um, parachutes out of planes with bags of loot. In 2009, just thirty eight years after the heist, the FBI suggested that this meant that the perpetrator was Canadian (the books were available in Canada, but not the USA) or that he had seen the books whilst serving in the US Military in Europe.

The possibility of Cooper being Canadian had also been floated as a result of his asking for “negotiable American currency,” but this seems a rather weak hypothesis. By the

way, despite the FBI tracking the serial numbers of the \$20 bills, none have ever turned up again anywhere in the world, apart from in 1980, when that eight year old boy found three packets of cash beside the Columbia River.

Richard McCoy Junior committed a copycat crime when he hijacked a United Airlines 727 in April 1972 and parachuted away over Utah with \$500,000 in ransom money. He was busted two days later and also charged with the Cooper hijack, but he had a rock-solid alibi (he was having a Thanksgiving dinner with his family the next day, in Utah). After being sentenced for the 1972 hijack, he managed to

The most recent major suspect was suggested very recently, in July 2011. A woman called Marla Cooper came forward to state that her uncle Lynn Doyle Cooper was D.B.. She was eight years old at the time, and remembers Lynn planning something with another bad uncle. They went off together “turkey hunting” and when they came back the next day, Lynn’s shirt was bloodied and he was in an extremely good mood. Marla remembers Lynn being obsessed with the Dan Cooper comics. The FBI were sufficiently interested to test a guitar strap from Lynn (who died in 1999) but no fingerprints were found and a DNA sample didn’t match the DNA lifted from the tie. Personally I don’t think someone called L.D. Cooper would use Dan Cooper as a pseudonym. The Feds were trying to find a fingerprint specimen to test, but since it’s more than a year later, presumably that didn’t work out.

Or did Cooper stay inside the plane? As various people have suggested over the years, if Cooper knew a 727 well enough to know that the aft entrance could be manually opened in flight without being over-ridden from the cockpit and other details such as using the wing flaps open to their maximum of 15 degrees to slow the plane down, he most likely knew places to hide on the plane as well. The lack of any evidence of a body or a parachute ever being found would then be explained by the simple reason that he didn’t jump, rather he tucked himself away, waited out the FBI search and then disembarked the plane after its next flight, slightly rumpled and \$200,000 richer. That’s an intriguing possibility. And actually of course, he would have been \$194,200 richer, since he had thrown \$5,800 out of the rear entrance to confuse the manhunt.

reading about the history of a mass murderer. I could have been reading about a drug abusive, alcoholic young man. That is the triumph of Colton Harris-Moore: He has survived.”

See? She also thought it was a WIN.



Selected notes

'Barefoot Bandit' Leaves Note, \$100 At Raymond Vet Clinic
<http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/barefoot-bandit-leaves-note-100-at-raymond-vet-cli/nKsJH/>

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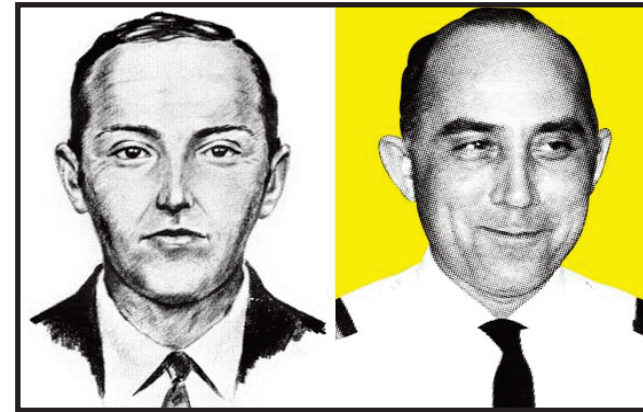
'Barefoot Bandit' held in solitary at Washington prison
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-04-20/barefoot-bandit-solitary-confinement/54448334/1>

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The Strange Story Of Colton Harris-Moore
<http://civilianmilitaryintelligencegroup.com/2510/the-strange-story-of-colton-harris-moore>

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Robert Zemeckis Boards Fox's 'Barefoot Bandit' Film
<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/robert-zemeckis-boards-foxs-barefoot-358633>



William Gossett was an ex-Marine who obsessed over the Cooper case. He claimed to his family that a safety deposit box in Vancouver held the money. Whilst he does bear a resemblance to Cooper, the FBI isn't particularly interested. Special Agent Carr reports that "there is not one link to the D.B. Cooper case other than the statements [Gossett] made to someone."

John List was a war vet who killed all his family on November 1 1971 and went on the run, only being apprehended in 1989 after his story was featured on America's Most Wanted. The FBI considered him as Cooper purely because of the timing of his disappearance, but there was never any proof.



Whilst it must be upsetting to have been a victim of Colton's robberies, there is a certain feeling here that the kid was going for a new life and you can't really fault him for trying. As one person who has written a book about Colton puts it: "Here's a kid who'd been told over and over, by teachers, by the police, by so-called friends, and by nearly every adult he'd ever had contact with, that he would never do anything. Suddenly he's flying high, soloing in a bright white plane with whooshing red stripes."

But he is now getting fucked over by the state authorities, unfortunately. Before his trial he was held in isolation in the 'intensive management unit' at Walla Walla State Penitentiary "for his own safety" and now having been sentenced, he is still in isolation. This is how the state tries to crush those who don't bow down before it. It's interesting to note that during his trial the prosecutors used his private communications with his friends and family made whilst in custody to attempt to paint him in a bad light. I think that's disgusting.

On his outlaws and outcasts blog, Bob Friel (who has written a book about Colton) has the full details:

Going through Colt's transcripts, the feds found passages that they're using to counter part of Colt's defense presentation. They say these statements, when seen side-by-side with Colt's letter to WA State Superior Court Judge Vicki Churchill, cast doubt on the idea that Colt feels remorse and accepts responsibility for his actions. For example...

Colt wrote to the judge:

"Your Honor, the term of my sentence which you hand down, I will serve with humility. I was wrong

and I made mistakes beyond what words can express.”

Then from an email Colt wrote two weeks after Judge Churchill gave Colt the lowest sentence possible within the standard sentencing range:

“So the citizens (and sheriffs) are appeased, justice is served. It’s all political. I’m thankful for the judge saying what she did, but at the same time her words were greater than her actions - she had the ability as invested in her by the people to create change, and the opportunity to stand up with compassion, but didn’t reach that potential.”

It seems rather underhand of the pigs to listen in on a kid talking to his mother, but also naive of Colton to not keep up appearances. And for those who think it shows his “real” “criminal” nature, perhaps they should consider what they would say to get out of the USA’s prison system. The main thing is that Colton never shows anything but remorse for the victims of his crimes. In the end, with the plea bargains, Colton did ok. He should be out of prison before his 25th birthday, which I reckon is a WIN. The time he has already served is counted for his sentence, and his federal and state sentences will run concurrently. Plus, as Friel remarks “he hasn’t been charged with any of the dozen or so crimes the Canadians say they believe he committed up there. And the Bahamians simply charged him with an immigration violation instead of the car theft, multiple boat thefts, series of commercial and residential burglaries, and severe gun charges they had evidence of during his time in the islands.” WIN.

In summing up, the judge in the state court case said “This case is a tragedy in many ways, but it’s a triumph of the human spirit in other ways. I could have been

So as you can see, this case is still open. Theories still pop up and D.B. Cooper remains as some sort of folk legend, the man who got away with it. Cooper’s lasting legacy is the “Cooper Vane”, a latching device that prevents an airline door from being opened while the plane is in the air. Plus a lot of wacky theories.

As Geoffrey Gray observes “the phenomenon of this case is people see who they want to see in D.B. Cooper. The story of our lives is the story of our fears, so for somebody to do something, from a commercial airliner, from a seat we’ve all sat in, to just get up and jump out of a plane like that ... he’s become a hero even though he was a criminal. We need him, in a way.” Many people get stuck in the research, puzzling over how he did it. This then is the **curse of Cooper**.

Selected notes

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D.B. Cooper: Fingerprint-Phobe?
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The FBI is still two steps behind the runaway fugitive who infamously hijacked a plane in 1971. Geoffrey Gray on their worst mistake—a key piece of evidence that was bungled.
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against a person and he mainly took what he needed. Well, I suppose that's debatable actually.

Apparently he used a stolen credit card to order mace and a pair of night-vision goggles which cost \$6,500. He also took the foto below on a stolen digital camera. But then in 2010 he left a hand-written note and US\$100 at a veterinary clinic in Raymond, Washington

Drove by, had some extra cash. Please use this money for the care of animals
—Colton Harris-Moore (AKA: "The Barefoot Bandit")



The barefoot legend arose when he kicked off his shoes whilst sprinting away from the cops in some woods. And one robbery scene in the San Juan islands had some cartoon footsteps drawn in chalk (he'd broken in, destroyed the alarm system and eaten an entire blueberry cheesecake from the freezer).



Also, one plane that Colton stole had dirty footmarks on the wall. Yes. Plane. Colton stole boats and aeroplanes on his rampage. How did he know how to fly?

the barefoot burglar

Well, it seems he taught himself from instructional DVDs and a bit of trial and error. A radio DJ's \$150,000 plane was nicked and written off in a crash landing on an Indian reservation. Colton was lucky to survive this and other crashes but flying enabled him to evade capture since he could move around easily.

It seems at one point he was up in Canada, or at least there were some copycat crimes there.

Eventually and quite amazingly, Colton decided to head to Cuba and a free life. He flew from Bloomington Indiana to the Bahamas, quite a considerable distance (1,200 miles). Some petty thefts suggested he was in Abaco, then he stole a yacht and went to the island of Eleuthera. From there he went to Harbour Island and stole a boat, but the police were onto him. He got away, but then hit a sandbank whilst heading for the ocean... And the police caught up and shot out the motor. Finally it was game over. Colton had a gun to his head and was threatening to kill himself, but he was talked down.

So after a two year rampage which had taken in the thefts of 11 boats, 14 cars, three guns and five planes, it was all over. Colton was arrested, quickly deported back to the USA and arraigned on a variety of charges (in total there were more than 70 initially) which included: Interstate transportation of a stolen aircraft, Interstate transport of a stolen gun and boat, Flying a plane without a pilot's license, Being a fugitive in possession of a gun, Burglary, Identity theft, Illegal entry, Illegally landing a plane, Malicious mischief, Motor vehicle theft, Possession of stolen property and Theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Colton Harris-Moore was recently arrested and sentenced to seven years in prison for an impressively long list of crimes. At one point there was a \$10,000 bounty on his head. The thing is though, he did such crazy stuff that he still wins. It really was a definite WIN. I'm sure he'd do it all again in the blink of an eye. Local police, FBI agents, SWAT teams, even Homeland Security helicopters pursued Colt around his home island in Washington state. He then broke out for Cuba. Aside from getting caught eventually, the only thing that sucks really is that as part of his plea bargain, he can't make any money from forthcoming Hollywood adaptations of his adventures. That's a shame, because it will make a great film (and it's already in the offing).

Six foot five Colton grew up on Camano Island, in Washington, USA. By all accounts, he had a rough childhood, since his father was abusive, a drug addict, in and out of prison. His mother was an alcoholic. He began to dabble in petty crime, frequently disappearing into the forest for a days at a time. When he was eventually caught with a neighbor's camcorder, he was sentenced to a three year stay in a halfway house. Halfway through the sentence itself, he walked out, in April 2008, at the ripe old age of 17.

And so the mayhem began. Over the next two years, the Barefoot Bandit became notorious for a series of crimes. It began with breaking into empty holiday homes properties out in the woods, where he would take a bath and steal enough food to get by. Seattle FBI agent Steve Dean says "People have been making him an idol and a hero when he's hurt so many hard-working people, broken into homes, stolen property, ripped off businesses. I think it's very, very sad." But actually it's pretty funny. Even some of Colton's victims support him. He never used violence